55 Stat. 603. 34 U. S. C. §§ 350-350j; Supp. I, § 350g.

the said Act of July 24, 1941, as amended, shall, if application therefor is made to the Secretary of the Navy within three months from the date of approval of this Act or within three months after the date of advancement to commissioned rank or grade on the retired list, whichever is the later, and subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, be restored to their former retired enlisted or warrant officer status, as the case may be, and shall thereafter be deemed to be enlisted or warrant officer personnel, as appropriate, for all

Applicability to Coast Guard.

Sec. 4. The provisions of this Act, except as may be necessary to adapt the same thereto, shall apply to personnel of the Coast Guard in relationship to the Coast Guard in the same manner and to the same extent as they apply to personnel of the Navy in relationship to the Navy: Provided, That the authority given to the Secretary of the Navy is hereby extended to the Secretary of the Treasury to be exercised with respect to the Coast Guard.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 541]

AN ACT

June 19, 1948 [H. R. 5758] [Public Law 710]

To amend further the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946, as amended, to permit certain payments to be made to surviving brothers and sisters, and nieces and nephews, of deceased members and former members of the armed forces.

Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946, amendment. 60 Stat. 963, 965. 37 U.S. C. §§ 32, 35; Supp. I, § 35.

"Brother" and "sis-

Payment in event

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 2 and 6 of the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946, as amended, are hereby amended as follows:

(a) Section 2. At the end thereof add a new paragraph as follows: "(h) The terms 'brother' and 'sister' include brothers and sisters of the half blood as well as those of the whole blood, stepbrothers and

stepsisters, and brothers and sisters through adoption."

b) Section 6. In paragraph (2) of subsection (a) delete "to such holder's surviving spouse and children, if any, in equal shares; and if such holder leaves no surviving spouse or child or children, then in equal shares to such holder's surviving parents, if any", and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(i) to such holder's surviving spouse and children, if any,

in equal shares;

"(ii) if such holder leaves no surviving spouse or child or children, then in equal shares to such holdler's surviving parents, if any;

"(iii) if such holder leaves no surviving spouse, child, or parent, then in equal shares to such holder's surviving brothers and sisters,

if any; and

"(iv) if such holder leaves no surviving spouse, child, parent, brother, or sister, then in equal shares to the surviving child or children, if any, of such holder's deceased brothers and sisters".

(c) Section 6. In subsection (b) delete "To such member's or former member's surviving spouse and children, if any, in equal shares; and if such member or former member leaves no surviving spouse or child or children, then in equal shares to his surviving parents, if any", and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(i) to such member's or former member's surviving spouse

and children, if any, in equal shares;

"(ii) if such member or former member leaves no surviving spouse or child or children, then in equal shares to such member's or former member's surviving parents, if any;

"(iii) if such member or former member leaves no surviving spouse, child, or parent, then in equal shares to such member's or former member's surviving brothers and sisters, if any; and "(iv) if such member or former member leaves no surviving spouse, child, parent, brother, or sister, then in equal shares to the surviving child or children, if any, of such member's or former member's deceased brothers and sisters".

SEC. 2. A sum equal to the amount of any bond or check heretofore covered into the general fund of the Treasury, for lack of survivors pursuant to section 6, paragraph (2) of subsection (a), of the Armed Forces Leave Act, shall be payable, upon request, to any survivor entitled thereto under the provisions of said section 6, paragraph (2) of subsection (a), as amended by this Act: Provided, That in any case where payment under the provisions of section 6, paragraph 2, of subsection (a) has been refused to a person not a survivor, as defined by the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946 as heretofore in force, and the bond has not been retired or the proceeds of the check been paid into the general fund, payment shall be made upon application by those persons now entitled to payment under the provisions of section 6, paragraph 2, of subsection (a) as amended by this Act.

Sec. 3. The provisions of this Act shall be effective from August

9, 1946.

Approved June 19, 1948.

Payment upon request.

Prior refusal of payment.

Effective date.

## [CHAPTER 542]

## AN ACT

To continue a system of nurseries and nursery schools for the day care of schoolage and under-school-age children of the District of Columbia.

June 19, 1948 [H. R. 5808] [Public Law 711]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize and direct the Board of Public Welfare of the District of Columbia to establish and operate in the public schools and other suitable locations a system of nurseries and nursery schools for day care of school-age and under-school-age children, and for other purposes", approved July 16, 1946, as amended, is amended by striking out "and until June 30, 1948, and no longer," and inserting "and until June 30, 1949".

SEC. 2. Section 4 of such Act of July 16, 1946, as amended, is

amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 4. There are authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, out of any moneys in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the District of Columbia not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act."

Approved June 19, 1948.

Day nurseries and nursery schools, D. C. Continuation.

60 Stat. 540.

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Appropriation authorized.

Post, p. 1035.

## [CHAPTER 543]

## AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture (exclusive of the Farm Credit Administration) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, and for other purposes.

June 19, 1948 [H. R. 5883] [Public Law 712]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of Agriculture (exclusive of the Farm Credit Administration) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, hereinafter referred to as the current fiscal year, namely:

Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act, 1949.